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PAGE 1STANDARD-GAUGE RAIL CARS
KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION
NORTH VIETNAM1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF STANDARD-GAUGE RAIL CARS IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

THE STANDARD-GAUGE CARS ARE LOCATED ON THE KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

3. BACKGROUND:

RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED BETWEEN THAI NGUYEN AND KEP. THIS RAIL LINE IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND CONNECTS WITH THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE 1.8 NM NORTHEAST OF KEP AT 2125N 10618E. STANDARD-GAUGE TRACK WAS FIRST OBSERVED ON THE KEP/THAI NGUYEN LINE IN APRIL 1966 FROM ITS TURNTOUT FROM THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG LINE AT 2125N 10618E WEST FOR 0.5 NM..

DUAL-GAUGE TRACK HAS BEEN OBSERVED ON THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE AS FAR NORTH AS THANH MOI AT 2137N 10633E, AND AS FAR SOUTH AS THE KEP RAILROAD YARD AT 2124N 10617E.

4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE JUNCTION OF THE KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE AND THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE.

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DUAL-GAUGE TRACK IS OBSERVED ON THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG LINE BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION, AND THE KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE IS OBSERVED TO BE STANDARD-GAUGE ONLY. NUMEROUS PERSONNEL ARE OBSERVED WORKING IN THE AREA.

REVEALS THAT STANDARD-GAUGE TRACK HAS BEEN LAID ON THE KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM ITS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TERMINUS AT 2125N 10618E (UTM XJ345700) TO A BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT 2125N 10616E (UTM XJ316702), A TOTAL DISTANCE OF 2.2 NM. NO TRACK HAS BEEN LAID WEST OF THE BRIDGE. FIFTEEN STANDARD-GAUGE GONDOLA CARS ARE LOCATED AT UTM XJ352696, AND AT LEAST FORTY-THREE STANDARD-GAUGE RAIL CARS (THIRTY OF WHICH ARE SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) AND ONE STANDARD-GAUGE ENGINE ARE LOCATED IN A THREE-TRACK RAIL YARD AT THE RAILHEAD.

5. REMARKS:

THIS IDENTIFICATION OF STANDARD-GAUGE RAIL CARS IN NORTH VIETNAM INDICATES THAT DUAL-GAUGE TRACK ON THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE PROBABLY EXTENDS NORTHEAST TO CHINA, BUT THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN PHOTOGRAPHICALLY CONFIRMED.

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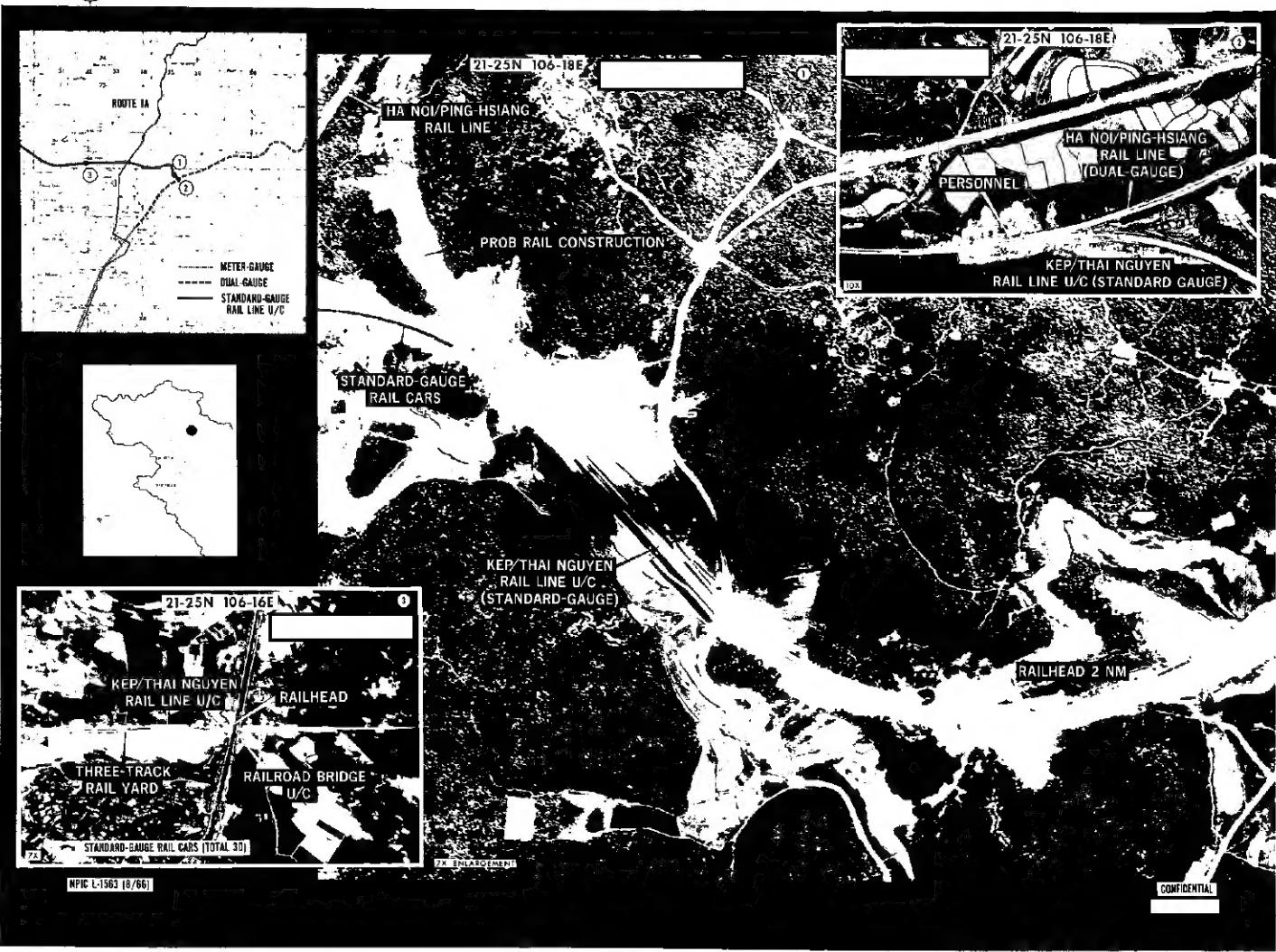
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